



Rev. Norma E. Kenley Barber

April 11, 1945 - July 27, 2020

Norma E. Kenley Barber, daughter of the late Norman D. Kenley and the late Millie Baltimore Kenley, was born Wednesday, April 11, 1945, in Harrisburg, PA.

Norma attended William Penn Senior High School. She enlisted in the United States Army and served her country faithfully during Desert Storm and the Panama Uprising. After twenty-one plus years of military service, she retired with full military honors.

Upon her departure from the military, Norma remained committed to civic service through her involvement with many youth and young women programs, and Hymn Incorporated (Helping Young Minds Now). This program mentored and helped at-risk children, the YMCA, under-privileged youth programs and multiple other youth programs in and around the City of Harrisburg. Norma was also involved in volunteering to feed the homeless on Friday evenings at the Martin Luther King Baptist Church, and on Labor Day, an annual cookout was held for the neighbors in her neighborhood.

She continued her ministry through the Christian Church United of the Tri-County Area, volunteer for the prison ministry for Dauphin County Prison and Chaplain for the Harrisburg Hospital.

Norma was a two-time cancer survivor. She was also honored and thanked by Governor Tom Wolf and First Lady Frances Wolf during the Celebration of Women's History Month honoring Pennsylvania's female veterans.

Norma was a member of Trinity Church of Harrisburg, under the leadership of Pastor Walter Dockens. She was a member and present Commander of American Legion, Post 1001, Harrisburg, PA. Leisurely, she enjoyed shopping, reading books, traveling, collecting dolls, collecting coins, and she loved jewelry and her dogs.

On Monday, July 27, 2020, surrounded by family at her bedside at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA, Norma entered into eternal rest. She leaves to celebrate her life and honor her legacy two brothers, Marlin D. Kenley Sr. (sister-in-law, Carol L. Kenley) and Marvin L. Kenley Sr.; stepson, Ronolda; great-niece and great-nephew, Erica Ware and Rodney Ware whom she helped raise; her aunts, Arneata Roberts and Loretta Baltimore; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

AUG 10. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
106 Agnes St
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Viewing

AUG 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Norma E. Kenley Barber



Wallace Funeral Directors - August 10, 2020 at 09:40 AM

VO

Simply amazing for 1 of the most amazing individuals to ever meet. You are deeply loved you'll be sadely missed. You were always appreciated. YMCA always.

Vontella - August 10, 2020 at 01:10 PM

VO

Feeling sad & excited all in the same sentence made a typo or too.

Vontella - August 10, 2020 at 01:24 PM

VO

Three is my favorite #LORD fix it fix all Amen.

Vontella - August 10, 2020 at 01:26 PM

RK

Awesome going home celebration family although the video is a still shot ..my cousin is at peace thanks for letting take a part in her celebration

Rhonda keller - August 10, 2020 at 04:05 PM

AL

“ Cookie and I were childhood neighbors. We attended kindergarten together on 7th Street. We also attended St. Patrick’s Cathedral School together until she moved to Olbs Parish. I last saw her at a family picnic and we reminisced about how far back we went as friends. She even was able to recall my birthday. I followed her on Facebook. I had hoped to see her at a family gathering, but she was too ill to attend.

Annette Lyons - August 12, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Mary Spencerspencerma lit a candle in memory of Rev. Norma E. Kenley Barber



Mary Spencerspencerma - August 11, 2020 at 06:58 PM



a longtime friend rih my friend

Mary Spencerspencerma - August 11, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JS

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. She was an amazing woman who will be missed by everyone.

*Joyce Stephens
Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary, Post 1001*

Joyce Stephens - August 10, 2020 at 01:18 PM

ME

“ Sending our condolences to Marlin , Carol and Marvin and the entire Kenley and Baltimore Family.
Cookie was a wonderful and kind hearted person, fun to be around and the love she gave to her family, and neighbors. She show so much love to me and my family. Cookie was my Sister-in-law through marriage and she will be miss, May God continue Blessed the family.

Mamie Edmonds and Family

Mamie Edmonds - August 06, 2020 at 11:06 PM

PH

“ My condolences to the family. May God continues to bless her now and always. May peace be with her. RIP Cookie. Until we meet again.

Percy Hairston - August 06, 2020 at 10:21 PM

ST

“ Sadly I must say good bye. To a special lady. Momma. c.f.cookie as I called her she loved taking kids to kbobeles for a fun day and would ask me to be her driver bring all ur grands to so they have fun to.Momma. cookie Rest Easy till we meet again at kbobeles ok love u dearly Shirley Thomas Bus. 7 .

Shirley Thomas - August 06, 2020 at 04:32 PM

AR

Dear Family, I love each and everyone of you. It's so hard to say goodbye. But I do know without a doubt that we will meet again. In my Father's House. There is nothing but love, Peace happiness and Joy. Hallelujah. Won't say goodbye, but see you later. When I retired in 1999 my husband and I spent my retirement celebration at the Campus of Walter Reed at the Malone House. Thank you so much for the happy times. ~~We~~ love you. Auntie Ann

Arneata Roberts - August 08, 2020 at 11:09 AM

MH

“ *Mother Julia L Handy lit a candle in memory of Rev. Norma E. Kenley Barber*



Mother Julia L Handy - August 06, 2020 at 03:02 PM

DT

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Debbi Thompson - August 06, 2020 at 01:51 PM

ST

“ *To Erika & Rodney and Kenley Family!*

Mark and I send our deepest condolences and prayers. May God continue to watch over you all during this time. Cookie earned her wings. Her Legacy would be the best person you can be under any circumstances. You only get one shot at this Life, so go for it. We thank her for stepping up and being the relative who helped family when it was needed and she did a great job. God Bless Norma for her contributions of being a Great Aunt and Woman. Norma RIP!

*Sincerely,
Aunt Sil & Uncle Mark Thompson
& Ware Family*

Silvia & Mark Thompson - August 06, 2020 at 12:35 PM

TW

“ *In memory of my BFF to Marlin, Marvin and family members. You have my deepest condolences. My longtime friend was a Lady who wore many hats of extremely great talents. May God shower his comforting and blessing.*

Theresa Wise - August 06, 2020 at 08:56 AM

VR

“ *I had the honor of not only meeting her but working beside her. Becoming a friend that felt like family. I actually relocated from Pa to Texas. In 2014. Yet we managed to stay in contact. All the way up to her departure from this o world. I loved her place in my family's life. Death is never easy. Yet I can take joy in knowing that HEAVEN is her newest of homes! The place I strive to be 1 day. I love loving U. Greet me when I reach there. Until then you'll see my Pastors my Father and my eldest son.*

Vontella C Robinson-Toure - August 05, 2020 at 09:50 PM

JT

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Marlin and Marvin kenley and the Baltimore family for the lost of your loved one miss Norma as you all has treated me as family we have another angel watching over us love Jerome Taylor and family

JEROME Taylor - August 05, 2020 at 06:56 PM

PR

“ My condolences to the family of cookie my uptown girl she was a very nice and good friend. RIP.

Pat Roebuck - August 05, 2020 at 06:16 PM

LP

“ The family of Judge & Mrs.LaVon-Paula Postelle extend heart felt sympathy to the Kenley and Barber families during your hours of bereavement. We all of fraternal affiliation will miss her smile and etc. God bless!



Lavon A. Postelle - August 05, 2020 at 04:29 PM

BC

To the family of Norma (Cookie) the Coney family express our deepest condolences.

brenda coney - August 06, 2020 at 09:47 AM

RP

To the FAMILIES & Friends of Rev Norma Kenley Barber:

Prayers of comfort and condolences are with you.

Rev Norma was a Friend who LOVED the LORD and enjoyed Serving and helping MANY. Her SMILE and words of comfort were always there when needed and without judging. THANK YOU GOD for her SEASON. I will always remember the times at MLKBC & TRINITY.

Rosemary Bolen Payne - August 06, 2020 at 11:50 AM

DT

To the entire family, we are pleased that you now have a Guardian Angel to watch over you. Cook will be missed and fondly remembered my many, May God Bless you all. Debbi the Hitchcock family

Debbi Thompson - August 06, 2020 at 01:55 PM